

Minutes Aug 2, 2023

Meeting started at 6:07pm

Ian Graves (minutes), Bridget Tolle, Mark Morgan, Mark Kaufman, Kirk Walters, Beth Held, Kevin Dunn, Lindsay Voitik, Karen Hogan,

Guests: Missy, Susie

- 1) Previous minutes for June 7th, 2023 meeting were approved.
- 2) Assessment of Damage
 - a. 40 city trees damage
 - b. 89MPH winds recorded, 73MPH is the threshold for mass failure
 - c. 35,000 cu. Yards of debris to be collected
 - d. Ashbritt was retained to do emergency response. Ashbritt has been subcontracting hauling away.
 - e. What about private trees that haven't been removed? Owners' responsibility, but city may eventually remind/cite people who haven't cleaned up debris, but that's a ways out.
 - f. 64 houses significantly damaged, 14 not habitable, and 2 hit last Sunday
 - g. Encouraging winter pruning would be a good approach to saving money and hitting the necessary maintenance at the right time of year.
 - h. The group reviewed photos of the tree damage from around town
- 3) Arbor Day Poster Contest
 - a. This is the time to get the schools on board for arbor day poster contests. Prairie Elementary noted that there are lots of contests that they get invited to participate in.
 - b. Kevin asked Ian and Kim to contact Principal Yeoman at Belinder to get school engaged. Other schools could include KCC, Curé, Prairie, St. Ann's, Highlawn, Highlands.
- 4) Native Tree Sale – Mark Morgan
 - a. Working with Forrest Keeling(?) that participates in native plant sales
 - b. Black Dirt farms in Liberty seems too small to handle the necessary
 - c. One idea would be to draft off of the Grow Native Event at Anita Gorman
 - i. Preordering via a nice website
 - ii. Each tree is 30 bucks
 - iii. Three gallon trees
 - iv. 10% Promo code for PV Residents
 - v. Could make the Village Voice if we get links and promo codes in time
- 5) Tree Ordinance Discussion on notification, penalties & enforcement
 - a. Do we as a tree board make recommendations to council about how notification could be better?

- b. How to contact the city regarding tree protection? Should we integrate it into OpenGov?
 - c. Penalties? Get a formula from Kim Bomberger on how to value a tree. It seems to be the case that working up a tree-based fine may be too complicated for the problem according to Bridget and James.
 - d. Enforcement? We can't stay on top of everything, but let's gather data on violations and similar.
- 6) Forming a larger strategic plan – Beth and Kim
- a. Aerial photography to map and look at the tree canopy.
 - b. LIDAR services are really expensive.
 - c. What about photogrammetry
- 7) Fall Tree Seminar Oct 4th and Meadowbrook
- a. Punted to next meeting.
- 8) New Business (park tree mapping)
- a. Lindsey got her certificate for her champion English Oak
- 9) Agenda for next meeting – September 6, 2023

Adjourned at: 8:09pm